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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Reto Lerf et al. (formerly Reto Lerf)

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For : OPEN-PORE METAL COATING

FOR JOINT REPLACEMENT IMPLANTS AND METHOD OF

PRODUCTION

Examiner : Unknown

Group Art Unit : 1763

PETITION TO CORRECT INVENTORSHIP UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.48

Mail Stop Petition

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions under 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(a) to correct the inventorship of the above-captioned patent application. In particular, Applicant wishes to add the following individual, omitted by error, as an inventor in the above-identified application:

Hans Schmotzer

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Pursuant to the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(a) and M.P.E.P. § 201.03(II), transmitted with this request are:

- A statement by Dr. Schmotzer that the inventorship error occurred without deceptive intent on his part, entitled "Statement Of Hans Schmotzer Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(a)."
- A declaration by both of the actual inventors, namely Reto Lerf and Hans Schmotzer, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.63.
- (3) Consent of Assignee to Correct Inventorship Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(a)(5).
- (4) The processing fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i).

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Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the present petition should be granted. Please use Customer No. 20,995 for all communications. Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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